

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 9 as shown.

Please cancel Claims 10 and 13.

Please add Claims 14-17 as shown.

1. (currently amended) A system for providing locally generated prompts/announcements in a telecommunications network, the system comprising a centralized service server for storing a plurality of prompt/announcement files, said plurality including various types of files and organized in a system with respect to system user characteristics of a system user;

a telecommunications device located in close proximity to the system user, said telecommunications device for downloading a user-specified subset of files associated with said user characteristics from said plurality of files; and

at least one communication device for interacting with said telecommunications device and selecting the user-specified subset of files from said plurality of files to be downloaded,

wherein said user characteristics include the user's language.

2. (original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the at least one communication device comprises a telephone with a keypad for selecting prompt/announcement files.

3. (original) The system as defined in claim 2 wherein the selected prompt/announcement files comprise voice files.

4. (previously presented) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the at least one communication device comprises a computer with a keyboard for selecting subscriber-specified prompt/announcement files.

5. (original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the selected files are chosen from a group consisting of text files, video files and multimedia files.

6. (previously presented) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the at least one communication device comprises

a telephone with a keypad for selecting a first group of files; and
a computer with a keyboard for selecting a second group of files.

7. (previously presented) The system as defined in claim 6 wherein the first group of files comprises voice files and the second group of files comprises files chosen from a group consisting of text files, video files and multimedia files.

8. (original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the network comprises an HFC network and the telecommunications device comprises a communication gateway.

9. (currently amended) A method of providing client-side prompt/announcement files for use by a subscriber on a local telecommunications device from a plurality of prompt/announcement files stored on a centralized server, the method comprising the steps of:

a) determining subscriber-specific characteristics from subscriber-provided input;
b) determining the type of user entry device; and
c) downloading a subset of prompt/announcement files from the centralized server to the local telecommunications device based upon the subscriber-provided, subscriber-specific characteristics and the determined type of user entry device,

wherein in performing step a), the subscriber-specific characteristics include the user's language.

10. (canceled)

11. (original) The method as defined in claim 9 wherein in performing step b), the user entry device comprises a telephone with a keypad and in performing step c), voice files are downloaded.

12. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 9 wherein in performing step b), the user entry device comprises a computer with a keyboard and in performing step c), the files are chosen from a group consisting of text files, video files and multimedia files.

13. (canceled)

14. (new) A system for providing locally generated prompts/announcements in a telecommunications network, the system comprising

a centralized server for storing a plurality of prompt/announcement files, said plurality including various types of files and organized in a system with respect to user characteristics of a system user;

a telecommunications device located in close proximity to the system user, said telecommunications device for downloading a user-specified subset of files associated with said user characteristics from said plurality of files; and

at least one communication device for interacting with said telecommunications device and selecting the user-specified subset of files from said plurality of files to be downloaded,

wherein said user characteristics include the user's location.

15. (new) A system for providing locally generated prompts/announcements in a telecommunications network, the system comprising

a centralized server for storing a plurality of prompt/announcement files, said plurality including various types of files and organized in a system with respect to user characteristics of a system user;

a telecommunications device located in close proximity to the system user, said telecommunications device for downloading a user-specified subset of files associated with said user characteristics from said plurality of files; and

at least one communication device for interacting with said telecommunications device and selecting the user-specified subset of files from said plurality of files to be downloaded,

wherein said user characteristics include the user's subscribed-to telecommunication services.

16. (new) A method of providing client-side prompt/announcement files for use by a subscriber on a local telecommunications device from a plurality of prompt/announcement files stored on a centralized server, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) determining subscriber-specific characteristics from subscriber-provided input;
- b) determining the type of user entry device; and
- c) downloading a subset of prompt/announcement files from the centralized server to the local telecommunications device based upon the subscriber-provided, subscriber-specific characteristics and the determined type of user entry device,

wherein in performing step a), the subscriber-specific characteristics include location.

17. (new) A method of providing client-side prompt/announcement files for use by a subscriber on a local telecommunications device from a plurality of prompt/announcement files stored on a centralized server, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) determining subscriber-specific characteristics from subscriber-provided input;
- b) determining the type of user entry device; and
- c) downloading a subset of prompt/announcement files from the centralized server to the local telecommunications device based upon the subscriber-provided, subscriber-specific characteristics and the determined type of user entry device,

wherein in performing step a), the subscriber-specific characteristics include subscribed-to telecommunication services.